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# RELATION

## Of His Royal Highneſs

# JAMES,

## Duke of Albany and York,

*His Progreſs from* Edinburgh *to* Linlithgow, *from thence to* Strivling, *and back again to* Edinburgh, *upon the 3d, 4th, and 5th of* February *Inſtant.*

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THE late extraordinary good Weather invited His *Royal Highneſs* to go and ſee His *Majeſties* Palace of *Linlithgow*, with the Palace and Caſtle of *Strivling*, both built by His Great Great Grand-Father, King *JAMES* the 5th of Glorious Memory; and notwithſtanding an extraordinary Storm of Snow, which fell out on *Munday* and *Tueſday* was Seven-night, yet the Duke would needs go on in his intended Journey, being unwilling to diſappoint the Noblemen, and Gentlemen in the Countrey, who were reſolved to attend Him; Although the deepneſs of the Snow, and bad Weather, which made the Croſs-ways through the Countrey unpaſſible, did of neceſſity, hinder very many to pay their Duty to his *Royal Highneſs*, in attending Him to *Strivling*; yet His Train was very conſiderable, conſiſting all of Noblemen and Gentlemen, and their Servants. On *Thurſday*, the 3*d.* Inſtant, the Duke, having for his Guard the Earl of *Arlies* Troop of Horſe, accompanyed by about twenty Noblemen, and a great many Gentlemen of the beſt quality; by the Lord Theſaurer Deput. Sheriff Principal of the County of *Mid-Lothian*, with the Gentlemen and Free-holders of that Shire: As alſo, by General *Dalyell*, who waited on the Duke the whole Journey, appearing always at the Head of the ſeveral Troops as he paſſed; went in his Coach, from His *Majeſties* Palace of Holy-roodhouſe, betwixt ſeven and eight in the morning: As He paſſed by the Caſtle of *Edinburgh* (where the Royal Standard was diſplayed) He was Saluted by a round of the great Guns. About two Miles from *Edinburgh*, the Duke took His Horſe, His Train being then about ſix hundred. Near *Kirk-liſtoun*, ſix Miles from *Edinburgh*, the Gentlemen of *Mid-lothian* took leave of the Duke (that place being the March of their County:) And on the other ſide of the Water of *Almond*, His *Royal High-*

neſs was received by the Laird of *Hoptoun*, Sheriff Principal of Weſt-*Lothian*; at the Head of the Gentlemen and Free-holders of that Shire, who waited on his *Royal Highneſs* to the Confines of *Strivling* Shire: Near *Linlithgow*, the Maſter of *Roſs* met Him, at the Head of his Troup: About eleven a Clock the Duke came to *Linlithgow*, and was received at the Croſs of that Town, by the Lord Provoſt, and other Magiſtrates, at the Head of the whole Citizens of that Incorporation; the Fountain in the Market place, running with Clarret Wine: in the Dukes way to the Palace, the Maſter and Scholars of *Linlithgow* School met him, where *Thomas Mutland*, a younger Son to the Lord Theſaurer Deput, one of the Scholars of that School, made a ſhort Latine Speech to His *Royal Highneſs*: From this, the Duke went to the Palace, where he was Intertained at a Noble Dinner, by the Earl of *Linlithgow*, Heretable Keeper of that Palace. After Dinner, the Duke went on Horſeback towards *Strivling*, Guarded by the Maſter of *Roſs*, his Troup; without the Weſt Port of *Linlithgow*, the Earl of *Airlies* Troup was drawn up, who having Saluted the Duke, with a Volley of their Carabines, took their leave: Near to *Falkirk*, the Duke was received by the Sheriff Depute of *Strivling* Shire (the Earl of *Callender*, Sheriff Principal being ſick.) A Mile on the other ſide of *Falkirk*, Captain *Inglis*, his Troup of Dragoons met His *Royal Highneſs*: At *Sauchen-foord* three Miles from *Strivling*, the Earls of *Marr* and *Glencairn*, at the Head of above two hundred Horſemen, moſt of them Gentlemen, received the Duke with great ſhouts, *of God bleſs the KING and the DUKE:* Near to *Strivling*, His *Royal Highneſs* was met by the Kings Troup of Guards; and here the Dukes Train increaſed to a great number: At the Gate, the Lord Provoſt of *Strivling*, at the Head of the Magiſtrates and Citizens, Welcomed the Duke to their Town, who kneeling, preſented the Keys of the Town of Silver, to His *Royal Highneſs*,: As He entered the Town, he was Saluted by the great Guns from the Caſtle; Within the firſt Gate, there was a Guard appointed of purpoſe, for this Occaſion, conſiſting of One hundred Young Men, Sons of the Chief Citizens, in very good Order, with New Fine Partizans, who made a Lane for his *Royal Highneſs* till he was near the ſecond Gate, and then they marched before Him; the Provoſt and Magiſtrates going on Foot about His *Royal Highneſs*, who was on Horſeback: From the ſecond Gate, to the Earl of *Argiles* Houſe, where the Duke Lodged, all the Inhabitants of the Town, who could carry Arms, were drawn up on both ſides of the Street, who received His *Royal Highneſs* with great Shouts and Acclamations of Joy and Welcome; there was a Bone-fire before every Houſe in the Town, the Bells Ringing, and the Canons from the Caſtle Firing conſtantly, till the Duke was in His Bed-chamber. The Earls of *Errol* and *Caithneſs*, and ſeveral Gentlemen of quality, from that and the adjacent Counties, came that night, and the next day, to wait upon Him. The Earl of *Argile* Intertain'd the Duke and all his Attendants, and Servants nobly, *Thurſday* night at Supper, and *Friday* at Dinner and Supper. *Friday* morning, the Duke went to ſee the Caſtle; as He entered the Gate, He was Saluted by the great Guns, and received by the Earl of *Marr* (Governour and Heretable Keeper of that Caſtle) and the whole Gariſon under Arms; the Earl of *Marr* delivering to his *Royal Highneſs*, the Keys on his Knees; the Duke went through all the Rooms of the Palace, and viewed all

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the Walls of the Caſtle, and was extraordinarily pleaſed with the Palace, and Scituation of the Caſtle; as alſo with the fine Proſpect of the Countrey round the Caſtle, with the great turnings and windings of the River of *Forth*; His *Royal Highneſs* was pleaſed to ſay, he had heard a great deal of that fine Place, yet He thought it exceeded very much all that He had heard of it; He expreſſed a great liking to it, in ſaying, *It was Inherent and Natural to the Royal Family for many Years paſt, to have a particular Kindneſs for* Strivling. As the Duke went out of the Caſtle, He was again Saluted by a round of the great Guns: After Dinner, the Lord Provoſt and Magiſtrates came, and conducted his *Royal Highneſs* to their Guild-hall, where he was Intertained at a Banquet, after which, He did the Town the Honour, to accept of the Freedom of its Incorporation, which the Provoſt preſented to him, in a very fine Gold Box. *Saturday* morning his *Royal Highneſs* returned from *Strivling*, paſſing through a Lane of the Citizens, under Arms, on both ſides of the Streets, in the ſame manner and order as He entred the Town *Thurſdays* night before, the Bells Ringing, and the Caſtle firing, till he was out of the Town: He went on to *Linlithgow*, Guarded and accompanied as before. At *Linlithgow*, he was received by the Lord Provoſt and whole Inhabitants, and Conducted to the Town-Houſe, where He and all His Train were Splendidly Intertained at Dinner; after which, He Honoured the Town, by accepting their Freedom, which the Lord Provoſt preſented to him in a Gold Box. About one of the Clock in the afternoon, the Duke took Horſe for *Edinburgh*; the Gentlemen of the County of *Linlithgow* attending him, till thoſe of *Mid-lothian* received him, near *Kirkliſtoun*, who waited upon him to *Edinburgh*: As His *Royal Highneſs* paſſed by, He was Saluted by the great Guns from the Caſtle: From the firſt Houſes without the Weſt Port, to the *Abbay* of *Holy-roodhouſe* (which is a Mile and an half) There was but one continued Croud of people, all Bleſſing and Praying for the King and the Duke; the Croud was ſo throng, that the Duke and his Train had difficulty to paſs through them, and could only go at a Foot Rate. In the utter Court of the Palace, the Maſter of *Roſs*, His Troup drew up, and Saluted the Duke as He alighted from his Horſe, by a Volly of their Carabines.

The Kindneſs and Affection of the People, in all the Towns and Villages, as the Duke paſt in this ſhort Progreſs, was very remarkable, eſpecially in His Return through *Edinburgh*, where the People thronged in great multitudes to meet him, even longing to ſee Him, though after a ſhort abſence of two days; the Joy of their Hearts being very perceptible in their Countenances, when they ſee his *Royal Highneſs* preceded by his own Servants, and a great many Perſons of quality bare-headed, Himſelf Riding alone, followed by a Croud of Noblemen, and Gentlemen of the beſt quality.

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